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1959 Introductions

Flippancy (Branch) \$15.00

(Sib. of Yesteryear x Topflight)

This is an apricot self except for a fiery orange beard. It is a large flower with very heavy substance which produces strong standards and fluting of the falls. Semi-flaring form, an edging of fine lace, good branching and 8 buds make Flippancy the best in its class. Ht. 38". Sdlg. #5582.

Gay Coquette (Palmer) \$20.00

Just misses being a pink reverse bicolor. The flared, starched falls are almost white with just a hint of pink, the domed standards a delicate translucent pink. The flower is of medium size, frilly and laced with wide rounded falls. The substance is very heavy. Good stalk and branching. The name suggests its personality, dainty, perky and gay. Ht. 34". H.C. 1956.

Henry Shaw (Benson) \$20.00

(Cliffs of Dover x Marion Marlowe)

A heavily ruffled, perfectly proportioned, pure icy-white self with a snowy white beard. Flowers are enhanced with cool green tones. Standards are domed; falls wide and foliage is vigorous and blue-green. The ruffling and corrugation runs completely around the broad and heavily substantenced blossoms. Proving to be a superb breeder. Named in honor of the founder of the Missouri Botanical "Shaw's" Garden. M. 38". H.C. '58.

Imagination (Branch) \$15.00

((Mary Randall) x (New Horizon x
(Harriet Thoreau x Hall sdlg.
#4539)))

This is a large, heavy-substanced, rosy-lilac self, well set off by a tangerine beard. Semi-flaring falls and firm rounded standards are lightly edged with lace. Hafts are wide and very clean. E. M. 30".

Jean Sibelius (Benson) \$20.00

((Spanish Peaks x Tosca) x Starlift)

Named for the Finnish composer, this bold, line-bred moderately ruffled steel-blue self is truly a magnificent Iris. Standards are domed; falls extremely smooth, wide, semi-flared and firmly trussed. Entire blossom glistens as though sprinkled with diamond dust. An excellent breeder. M. 36". H.C. '58.

Mary Pickford (Benson) \$20.00

((Minnie Colquitt x Rare Marble)
x (Port Wine x Belle Meade))

A medium large excellently branched and sturdy plicata in tones of white and royal purple. Standards are firm; falls are quite clean with half inch marginal trim of royal purple. M. 38". H.C. '57.

Sentimental Journey (Branch) \$15.00

((Helen McGregor x Cahokia) x
Angel Curls)

If you like soft, very ruffled, billowy light blue blooms you will like this one. It has the same form of strong standards and wide falls as Angel Curls but it is a much lighter color set off by a yellow beard tipped with white. It is heavily ruffled, excellently branched, carries 8-10 buds and terminal buds usually have four standards, falls and style arms. M. Ht. 34-38".

Sunswept (Palmer) \$20.00

Large, broad-petaled, heavily substandard yellow and white combination. The buds are yellow. The ruffled standards are pure white and the waved falls are also white with true medium yellow at the hafts, which are very clean and smooth. The yellow beard matches exactly. Form, branching and vigor are good. Excellent growth habits. Ht. 37". H.C. 1957.

Previous Introductions

Airy Charm (Branch) \$7.50

Smooth, sparkling Lobelia blue. Broad, clean falls. Strong, domed standards. M. 34".

Angel Curls (Branch) \$18.00

Perfection of form with heavy substance, strong closed standards and very wide flaring falls. The color is medium light blue with a pleasing amount of ruffling. 32". H.C. 1956. H.M. 1958.

Bartow Lammer† (Benson) \$10.00

A massive, moderately ruffled semi-flared pure snowy white self with matching beard. M. 38". H.C. 1957. H.M. 1958.

Dream Dust (Branch) \$3.00

Large lacy tangerine bearded pink with a flush of gold at the haft. An excellent parent. 28".

Encounter (Benson) \$10.00

Very large flower with golden yellow standards and snowy white falls, evenly edged and trimmed the same color as the standards. Selected for trial at Wisley, London, England. M. 38". H.C. 1952.

Felicia (Branch) \$5.00

Lacy, Dahlia mauve flower with tangerine beard. It has semi-flaring wide falls and conical tightly closed standards. M. 32".

Fiestaway (Branch) \$3.00

Well formed, lacy blend of rose and gold with tremendous garden value. EM. 32".

Flirtation (Benson) \$10.00

An intense deep pink self with a fiery red beard. Hafts are without markings. M. 40". H.C. 1950. H.M. 1956.

Her Ladyship (Palmer) \$10.00

Ruffled, non-fading light medium blue, reminding one of a regal lady with graceful billowing skirt. A beautifully formed, semi-flaring, broad petaled flower with firmly closed conic standards. Heavily substantced and a prolific grower with blue green foliage. EM. 37". H.C. 1954. H.M. 1956.

Joan Crawford (Benson) \$10.00

Celestial blue self with a silvery cast. Standards firmly closed; falls semi-flared and attractively rippled. Heavily perfumed, it has a white-tipped lemon beard. M. 38". H.C. 1952. H.M. 1956.

Just Music (Branch) \$5.00

Deep, clear, lacy pink with a fiery tangerine beard, swirling standards, semi-flaring falls and perfect branching and bloom placement. M. 34".

Lavendula (Branch) \$15.00

A bicolor of smoothly blended lilac lavender, this has extremely flared form, worlds of substance and about the most fluted falls imaginable. All parts are edged with deep lace. Falls are very wide and absolutely clean. M. 36". H.C. 1958.

Magic Mood (Branch) \$7.50

Large, lacy medium orange self with wide semi-flaring falls and conical standards. Excellent branching with 10 or 11 buds. E.M. 36". H.C. 1956.

Marion Marlowe (Benson) \$10.00

Chaste white self, possessing a magnolia-like quality that warrants its extreme popularity. The broad blossoms are completely white throughout; ruffled and semi-flared. An excellent breeder. M. 38". H.C. 1954. H.M. 1957.

Melody Mart (Branch) \$10.00

A bicolor with pink standards and apricot colored falls. Stiff, starchy, flared form. M. 36".

Miss St. Louis (Benson) \$20.00

Heavily shirred and laced apricot-pink self that sold out early last year. Stock still scarce. ML. 35". H.C. 1955. H.M. 1958.

Muted Music (Palmer) \$10.00

This well branched, silken textured flower of cool, serene medium blue has domed standards and broad waved falls. It has no veining and no lightening of color about its white beard. Free flowering and vigorous. EM. 37". H.C. 1955. H.M. 1956.

Night Patrol (Benson) \$3.00

Rich, smooth deep violet-blue self with matching beard. Falls are stiffly flared and rigidly held. Has fall blooming tendencies. M. 36". H.C. 1950. H.M. 1955.

Pink Candlelight (Branch) \$3.00

Delicate, near-white pink, large, lacy and semi-flaring in form. Good branching and many buds produce beautiful clumps. Excellent breeder. M. 32".

Pink Sunset (Branch) \$10.00

Altho introduced primarily for breeding purposes, Pink Sunset is an excellent iris in all respects except that it has only fair substance. Pink standards contrast sharply with clean chartreuse shaded yellow falls. Tangerine beard. M. 37". H. C. 1957.

Snow Ballet (Palmer) \$7.50

Crisp, ruffled, blue-white with a sparkling sheen and a lovely blue flush in the throat and on the style arms. Has fluted, domed standards and semi-flaring falls. Well branched and of leathery substance. A good parent for ruffles and substance. EM. 38".

Starlift (Benson) \$5.00

Heavily ruffled, deep cornflower blue self; smooth and broad petaled. It has heavy substance and is an excellent breeder for ruffled iris. Illustrated on page 9, Bulletin #144. M. 38". H.M. 1956.

Sweet Harmony (Branch) \$3.00

Harmonious combination of very light pink, edged with pale chartreuse and set off with a tangerine beard. Excellent form, substance and branching. Lacy. M. 32".

Yesteryear (Branch) \$7.50

Unusual champagne colored blend with flaring, ruffled and lacy falls and strong, domed standards. Inconspicuous tan beard. Very good substance and branching. M. 36". H.C. 1955. H.M. 1956.

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Dream Dust, Felicia, Fiestaway, Pink Candlelight and Sweet Har- mony	\$12.00
Angel Curls and Airy Charm	\$20.00